

REMARKS

This document relates to issues raised in the examiner's office action mailed February 6, 2009, in which claims 45-82 were rejected by the examiner as not being readable on the elected invention as originally presented. These claim rejections are respectfully traversed. In so traversing, Applicant respectfully incorporates by reference all Remarks from prior Responses regarding the pending rejections.

Independent claims 45, 77, and 82 of the present application have been amended for clarification purposes in order to more accurately define the scope of the present claimed invention.

During a telephonic interview between the undersigned attorneys and the examiner on February 24, 2009, the various rejections of the claims were discussed with respect to the present invention. At the conclusion of the telephonic interview, it was agreed that the presently pending claims, as amended, are considered to be readable on at least one embodiment of the elected invention (as originally presented), and that the examiner's rejection of claims 45-82 would be withdrawn.

It is noted that Applicant's response filed on November 3, 2008, includes arguments and/or remarks addressing various claim rejections as set forth in the examiner's office action mailed 05/01/2008. Applicant hereby incorporates by reference all Remarks from prior Responses regarding any presently outstanding rejections of the claims.

Because claims 45-82 are believed to be allowable in their present form, many of the examiner's rejections in the Office Action have not been addressed in this response. However, applicant respectfully reserves the right to respond to one or more of the examiner's rejections in subsequent amendments should conditions arise warranting such responses.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, Applicants are not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent,

child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that Applicants have made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,

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